UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

MALYNA TIEV and JAMES NORRIS,

Plaintiffs,

v.

THE STANDARD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:23-cv-950

ORDER CONTINUING TRIAL DATE AND RELATED DEADLINES

This matter comes before the Court on the parties' stipulated motion to extend the trial date and related deadlines. Dkt. No. 18. The parties assert good cause exists to continue the trial date because they were unable to schedule an Independent Medical Examination (IME) of Plaintiff Malyna Tiev, as she was out of the country until January 1, 2024. *Id.* at 2. The parties have now scheduled Tiev's IME for February 2, 2024. Dkt. No. 19 at 1. This delay also precluded the parties from completing their expert reports, rebuttal expert reports, and expert depositions. Dkt. No. 18 at 2. This is the parties' first request to continue the trial date. *See* Dkt.

Under Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(4), a scheduling order "may be modified only for

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good cause and with the judge's consent." Good cause exists if the pretrial schedule "cannot reasonably be met despite the diligence of the party seeking the extension." Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b) advisory committee's note to 1983 amendment. In light of the delayed IME and the fact that this is the parties' first request to continue, the Court finds good cause to modify the case schedule and GRANTS *nunc pro tunc* the parties' stipulated motion to extend the trial and related dates as set forth below:

EVENT	DATE
JURY TRIAL begins	October 21, 2024
Length of trial	5 days
Disclosure of expert testimony under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)	March 25, 2024
Disclosure of rebuttal expert testimony under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)	within 30 days after the other party's expert disclosure
All motions related to discovery must be filed by (see LCR 7(d))	April 24, 2024
Discovery completed by	May 24, 2024
All dispositive motions and motions challenging expert witness testimony must be filed by (see LCR 7(d))	June 24, 2024
Settlement conference under LCR 39.1, if requested by the parties, held no later than	August 22, 2024
All motions in limine must be filed by (see LCR 7(d))	September 11, 2024
Deposition Designations must be submitted to the Court by (see LCR 32(e))	September 30, 2024

1	EVENT	DATE
2	Agreed pretrial order due	September 30, 2024
3	Trial briefs, proposed voir dire questions, and proposed jury instructions must be filed by	October 7, 2024
4	Pretrial conference	October 14, 2024
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